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# Senate Study Proposes Central Security Office

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Senate Internal Security Subcommittee yesterday

proposed a central office that would conduct security evaluations and investigations for the State Department and other less sensitive Federal agencies.

The proposed central office would handle all personnel security evaluations in the executive branch except in the armed forces, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the CIA,

the FBI, the Atomic Energy Commission and the White House.

It would also handle all investigations not now conducted by the FBI.

The departments and agencies would retain the authority to grant or deny security clearances on the basis of information supplied by the central office.

### Hearings Held 3 Years

The proposal was one of 36 recommendations made by the Internal Security Subcommittee

in a report based on three years of hearings.

"Though many of the recommendations here presented deal with matters which have been the subject of Supreme Court decisions, none of them is intended, or should be regarded, as a challenge to the Court," the report said.

One of the major proposals would give the Secretary of State statutory authority, with the approval of the President, to prohibit travel to any nation if he finds it contrary to

the security of the country or would substantially impede the conduct of foreign affairs.

### One Recourse Now

At present, the Government's only recourse is to lift the traveler's passport on his return, an action that has been challenged in the courts. The State Department last year asked for remedial legislation.

The Subcommittee also proposed making it a felony to give aid or comfort to a foreign country in open hostility against the United States and

to make it a crime to urge, advise or solicit the use of force or violence for the overthrow of the Government.

Several of the proposals dealt with the Subversive Activities Control Board.

The Subcommittee proposed that Congress make a legislative declaration that it is a clear and present danger to the national security to employ in a defense facility someone who remains in an organization more than 90 days after it has been ruled Communist in nature by the SACB.